

# JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday to everyone! I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather this week after a very rainy spell last week. Next week is Homecoming for our district and we are excited to celebrate our J-Hawk spirit! Unfortunately, some of the traditional activities will not occur or may look different this year, I am confident that the pride in our school will show strongly from our students, staff, parents, and community. Go J-Hawks!

With new guidance released from Iowa Public Health on September 16th, we will be reporting weekly numbers in a little bit of a different format. While we will still report individual numbers, we will only do so if the count is zero or greater than 5. In the event that we have a case count between 1-4, we will report this as less than 5 cases. Our district continues to work hard towards providing transparency and frequent communication in all that we do, but we also must follow new guidance as it is released from the State. Thanks for your understanding on this matter.

As of today, we currently have 11 individuals who are in quarantine. Zero of these individuals have tested positive with all being on quarantine due to positive or potential positive exposures. We are very thankful for these current low numbers and we appreciate you, as parents, working with us when a positive exposure occurs or is suspected.

The county 14-day positivity rates are currently 6.2% for Buchanan County and 6.8% for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>. We continue to monitor this data closely and we work hand-in-hand with Public Health as we address any positive cases or exposures. We ask for your continued diligence in the use of face masks and social distancing in and out of school as this will only help us in continuing to be able to offer on-site school and activities. We appreciate your support in helping to make this happen. If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's building principal. Stay J-Hawk Safe and J-Hawk Strong!

Thank you and take care,

Nathan